

# Outdoor Teacher Retreat, Saturday, October 6, 2018

## Aurora Waldorf School, West Falls, NY



### SCHEDULE

time	activity	details	Location
8:30-9 a.m.	Registration and breakfast	<i>Remember your canteen!</i>	Lobby and Ashgrove and Lilac Kindergarten Rooms
9-9:15 a.m.	Opening Gathering: Waldorf Approaches to Seasonal Curriculum		Rosewood Room
9:15-10:30 a.m.	(A) Beeswax Modeling and Storytelling Mary Fisher, Aurora Waldorf School	<i>Stories and beeswax melt into this lovely sensory session</i>	Rosewood Room
10:45-12 p.m.	(A) <u>Early Childhood track</u> Finger-knitting and Natural Dying Jaime Thompson, Aurora Waldorf School	<i>Learn to finger-knit, make natural dye-bath, and tell related seasonal stories</i>	Lower Wing Playground
	(B) <u>Early Elementary track</u> Nurturing Young Naturalist Skills Bill Michalek, Iroquois Central Schools and SUNY at Buffalo Environmental Studies Dept.	<i>Discover ways to help children connect with nature by honing observation skills</i>	Meet on Lower Wing Playground and trek in the forest
12-1 p.m.	Lunch with Open House Tour	<i>Visit the site's learning environment during informal open hour tour</i>	Ashgrove and Lilac Kindergarten Rooms
1-2:15 p.m.	(A) <u>Early Childhood track</u> Risk Management Maryfaith Miller, Lime Hollow Forest School	<i>Risk VS hazards will be discussed in the context of promoting healthy outdoor learning</i>	Upper Wing Playground near garden
	(B) <u>Early Elementary track</u> Activating Universal Passions & Connecting with Our Inner Vitality; K. McCadden, Honey Sweet Harmony/Acorn Preschool Ithaca	<i>Coyote adventures await! Join us for outdoor games, animal forms, and rekindling of our childhood passions.</i>	Meet on Lower Wing Playground and trek in the forest
	(C) <u>Early Elementary track</u> Dancing Plants: The Botany – Geometry Connection Maria Ebersole, Aurora Waldorf School	<i>Movement, science, and math have some amazing connections – come find out why!</i>	Eurythmy Room
2:30-3:45 p.m.	(A) <u>Early Childhood track</u> What About a Forest School? Megan Mills Hoffman, Urban Creatives	<i>Delve into effective approaches and research that demonstrates significant benefits in immersive outdoor programs</i>	Rosewood Room
	(B) The Merging of Art and Nature Casey Kirkland Johnson, Creatures in the Wild		Lower Wing Playground
	(C) Facilitating a Nature-Based Curriculum Emily Schmiderer and Sophie Armstead, Acorn Preschool Ithaca	<i>The intersection is glorious and messy! Explore how art and nature collide outdoors and in the classroom</i>	Upper Wing Playground
3:45-4 p.m.	Closing Gathering	<i>Gratitude, survey, and training certificates</i>	Outdoors or Rosewood Room